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# Time and Place of Prayer

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## TIME & PLACE OF PRAYER

I. Do you remember a time your parents connected with "There is a time & place for everything."

A. Evidently what you were doing was out of place.

B. Secondly, there was no time for it either - so what you were doing must have been totally wrong!

C. Contrast this with prayer - I want to declare some approved times & places.

1. Clip on Life - #1.

2. Erik Erikson - #2.

### II. The Time for Prayer

A. Morning is Proper.

Ps. 5:3 "In the morning will I direct my"

Ps. 88:13 "In the morning shall my prayer"

1. Good advice from a man after God's own heart.

2. Upon arising; at your breakfast; or as you leave for work is a good prayer time.

3. "Ere you left your room this AM" song.

4. Poem "As I Go" - #3.

B. What About a "Noon Break?"

Acts 10:9 "Peter went up upon the housetop"

1. God is going to use this man but note he was a praying man.

2. Hotel manager & prints - #4.

C. Is your afternoon a time to pray?

Acts. 3:1 "Now P & J went up together into"

1. They at 3 PM were together praying.

2. Do you have such a companion?

3. Cornelius prayed at 3 PM and if a commander of 100 had time, surely we do.

Acts 10:30 "At the 9th hour, I prayed"

4. Who is in control - #5.

D. Another great time is evening.

1. None could have been more unlikely than action of Paul & Silas.

Acts 16:25 "And at midnite P & S prayed & s."

- a) Not only did prisoners here so did God.

- b) It was an earthshaking experience.

2. They did in OT times.

Ezra 9:5 "I arose-heaviness-rent-fell-knees-spread

E. Other times?

Acts 10:2 "A devout man...prayed to God alway"

1 Thess.5:17 "Pray without ceasing"

1. At work.

2. Vacation - See clip #6.

3. Birthday - What year - #7.

III. Now Let's look at Places.

A. Some I can't or do not want to duplicate.

1. Temple - dedication.

1 Kings 8:29 (Read)

- a) It's gone.

- b) No one geographical place where God is.

2. Fish

Jonah 2:1 "Then J. prayed unto the Lord-out"

3. Prison

Acts 16:25 "P & S prayed & sang praises"

- a) I don't want to be persecuted.

- b) I don't want to be a criminal.

## B. Where did men pray?

1. Dan. 6:10 "Now when D. knew... window open".

a) Are you embarrassed to be seen praying?

b) Does "street corner" outlaw "restaurant"?

c) Einstein's wife - #8.

2. Mountain tops

Matt. 14:23 "He went up into a mt. apart"

3. Beach

Acts 21:5 "We kneeled down on the"

a) Families there.

b) Voyage to take place & we need God with us.

c) It may be last reunion.

4. Alone

Luke 5:16 "And he withdrew himself into w."



As you go through the super-  
market of life, have you ever  
noticed how many choices have  
artificial ingredients?

#1



In the winter of 1968 the *Times* asked me to follow up Linda's story with a nationwide survey of the "drug problem."

And one of my first interviews was with Erik Erikson, the eminent professor of human development at Harvard. When I asked

Erikson what he thought of the generation-gap concept, he answered somewhat as follows: "The values of any new generation do not spring full blown from their heads; they are already there, inherent if not clearly articulated, in the older generation."

The generation gap is just another way of saying that the younger generation makes overt what is covert in the older generation; the child expresses openly what the parent represses."

I jotted down that answer in my spiral notebook and went on with the survey. But in the spring and summer of 1968 as I interviewed for the book, I kept coming back to Erikson's



#13

## AS I GO ON MY WAY

My life shall touch a dozen  
lives before this day is  
done,

Leave countless marks for  
good or ill ere sets the  
evening sun;

So this the wish I always  
wish, the prayer I ever  
pray,

Let my life help the other  
lives it touches by the  
way.

--S. Gillilan

L.L.

A hotel manager in Los Angeles called on an art dealer and asked to see watercolors to go into his renovated rooms. After turning down several prints, he said:

“I do not care about the subjects or the artist. Just show me pictures that are too large to fit into a suitcase.”

#4



January 17, 1987

## **WHO IS IN CONTROL?**

# 5

In the early days of our country, Ezra Stiles addressed the Connecticut assembly and thanked God for his help to the colonists.

"To Whom but the Ruler of the Winds shall we ascribe it that the British reinforcements, in the summer of 1777, was delayed on the ocean three months by contrary winds, until it was too late for General Clinton to help at Saratoga: a turning point of the war."

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What a faith in the all-encompassing power of God that prayer expresses! In a day when man increasingly attempts to control every aspect of his world, it is important to realize who truly does govern all things.

It is particularly important for Christians to remember God's might as we face the intimidation of Satan's power in this world. His power has always been limited by God, and we need never fear that any goal which is in keeping with the will of God should fail.

*Terry*

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY TEXTS

"This is my comfort in my affliction, for your word has given me life." --Psalm 119:50

- 1/18 Judges 9:1-10:5
- 1/19 Judges 10:6-11:28
- 1/20 Judges 11:29-12:15
- 1/21 Judges 13
- 1/22 Judges 14-15
- 1/23 Judges 16
- 1/24 Judges 17-18

## FOR THE RECORD:

Wednesday (1-6-88) Bible School Attendance....	86
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Sunday A.M. Worship Attendance.....	110
Sunday P.M. Worship Attendance.....	N/A
Contribution.....	\$1,392.62



#6  
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BOB ORBEN - A vacation is when you spend thousands of dollars to see what rain looks like in different parts of the world.



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A minister, interviewing a woman who was applying for a church staff position, read her application and said, "I see your birthday is April 12. What year?"

Her simple reply was, "Every year!"

#6

something to offer others. You are a leader. Besides you are 49 years old. You're the principal and you've got to go to school."

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X Psychologists say girls tend to marry men like their fathers.  
I Now we know why mothers cry at weddings.

CHRISTIAN CLIPPINGS 25

#8  
X  
When **Albert Einstein** was invited to join the staff of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, he was asked what yearly payment would be acceptable. He told the directors he would leave it up to them. When they objected to this, he suggested that they talk to his wife.

"Let her decide," he said. "Then she won't be able to complain that I don't give her enough money to run the house."

So it was arranged. He never did bother to ask what figure was agreed on.